

March 15, 2010
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

To whom it may concern,

I recently received information regarding SCE&G's request for an almost 10% rate increase of our electric costs. I have been advised that if wished to protest this upcoming increase that I should contact the Public Service Commission of South Carolina and reference Docket No. 2009-489-E. By this letter I am submitting to you my protesting for this increase.

I don't usually write complaint letters, however, when I heard of the request for a rate increase it became evident to me that I need to do something. I understand that costs are going up everywhere and for everything. But is this rate increase necessary? I oppose this rate increase for several reasons. One of which is that we are in a time of economic struggle and there are many elderly persons on fix income, that don't have the opportunity to write or voice their opposition of the increase. I want to be a voice for them. Another reason for opposing this increase is the fact that I believe it is not necessary. It has been brought to my attention that Duke Power customers pay about \$ 25 less than SCE&G customers for the same level of power. If the rate increase is improves it would be much higher. It's also a know fact the SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

If other companies can have lower rates and offer the same level of power, why does SCE&G have to increase their rates? What is the justification? Please consider all involve when making a decision to approve a rate increase. Many are struggling now to make ends meet, should SCE&G make it even harder, when they don't have to.

Sincerely,

Helen R. Kinloch

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